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SUBJECT: SOVIET ORGANIZED PRESS CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS OPENS
LOCAL ANTI-CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWS PUBLICITY
CAMPAIGN

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1. SOVIET NEWS AGENCY NOVOSTI ORGANIZED PRESS CONFERENCE
CHAired BY V. NEDBAEV IN BRUSSELS FEB. 12 A WHICH FOUR EX-
SOVIET JEWS WERE PRESENTED. PREPARED STATEMENTS WERE READ
IN RUSSIAN AND TRANSLATED SENTENCE BY SENTENCE INTO FRENCH.
FRENCH TEXTS OF STATEMENTS AND BRIEF BIOS WERE DISTRIBUTED
AND WILL BE FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM. THREE OF THE FOUR HAD
ACTUALLY BEEN TO ISRAEL AND THREE HAD SPENT SOMETIME IN THE U.S.
ALL SAID THEY NOW WANT TO RETURN TO THE USSR. IN ANSWER TO QUES-
TION ON WHETHER JEWS WHO LEFT USSR CAN RETURN, NEBAEV REPLIED
THAT THOSE WHO LEFT LOST THEIR NATIONALITY AND THAT MEANS OF
REGAINING IT WERE AVAILABLE AT NOVOSTI OFFICES IN FORM OF SPEECH
BY VICE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR.

2. THE FOUR PRESENTED, THEIR PROFESSIONS, AND PLACES THEY
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RESIDED SINCE LEAVING THE USSR WERE: (1) MAX MIKHALOVITCH

KONNY, WELDER, ISRAEL AND U.S.; (2) IOSSIF CHEMOVITCH ROIS-MANN, ELECTRICIAN, ISRAEL, ITALY AND AUSTRIA; (3) GRIGORI YAKOVLEVITCH RUBENTCHIK, JOURNALIST, ITALY AND U.S.; AND (4) VLADIMIR SHNIPAR, ACTOR, ISRAEL, ITALY AND U.S.

3. COMMON THEMES EXTRACTED FROM PREPARED STATEMENTS AND QUESTION PERIOD INCLUDED: (A) NO DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN LEAVING USSR; (B) THE LYING PICTURE OF ISRAEL PRESENTED BY ZIONIST PROPAGANDA; (C) THE GOOD LIFE FOR JEWS IN THE USSR AND THE FALSE PICTURE OF IT PRESENTED IN THE WESTERN PRESS; (D) THE USE OF FALSE INVITATIONS FROM "FAMILY" IN ISRAEL TO ENTICE IMMIGRANTS; (E) THE VIOLENCE DIRECTED AGAINST THEM BY ZIONIST GOON SQUADS IN THE U.S. WHEN THEY EXPRESSED THEIR DISILLUSIONMENT; (F) THE LOSS OF THEIR JOBS WHEN THEY EXPRESSED ANTI-ZIONIST VIEWS; (G) THEIR EXPLOITATION AS "CANNON FODDER" IN ISRAEL AND CHEAP IN BOTH ISRAEL AND THE US; AND (H) THEIR DIFFICULTIES IN LEAVING ISRAEL.

4. COMMENT: WESTERN PRESS PRESENT AT CONFERENCE GENERALLY CONSIDERED ORGANIZATION AND PRESENTATION CHILDISH AND INEPT. THEY DID NOT BOTHER TO POSE MANY QUESTIONS WITH WHICH THEY HAD BEEN WELL PRIMED BY ORGANIZERS OF ABOUT TO CONVENE CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWS, BRUSSELS II. MIDDLE EASTERN PRESS HEARD WHAT THEY WANTED TO HEAR. END COMMENT.RENNER

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